

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yutaka SATOH  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING MEDIATOR SERVICES  
BETWEEN SERVICE PROVIDER AND SERVICE PURCHASER,  
AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR SAME  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment be entered into the application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claim 23 as follows:

23. (Amended) The program product as defined in Claim 20, wherein said program product further comprises the steps of:

(i) enabling said mediator server to generate a registration number to be assigned to said service provider prior to recording said service offering registration information on said database, to record the generated service provider registration number together with said service offering registration information said database, and to send said service provider registration number to said provider terminal; and

(j) enabling said mediator server to generate a registration number to be assigned to said service purchaser prior to recording said purchaser identification information on said database, to record the generated service purchaser registration number together with